

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Endowments) Department - Disciplinary action against Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired), Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village), Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District - Certain irregularities committed - Imposition of punishment of 2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of 3 (three) years in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV.3) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 180

Dated:19.03.2012.

Read the following:-

- 1) From the C.E.D, Hyderabad, Lr.No.E3/9599/1997, dt.11.03.2011.
- 2) Government Memo No.10830/VIG.IV.3/2011-1, dt.02.08.2011.
- 3) From Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired), Explanation, dt.19.08.2011.
- 4) Government Memo No.10830/VIG.IV.3/2011-2, dt.16.09.2011.
- 5) From the C.E.D, Hyderabad, Lr.No.E3/9599/1997, dt.24.11 2011.
- 6) Government Lr.No.10830/VIG.IV.3/2011-3, dt.08.12.2011.
- 7) From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Lr.No.1885/RT-I/2/2011, dt.03.01.2012.

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ORDER:-

In his letter 1st read above, the Commissioner, Endowments Department has informed that Sri V.Pothu Raju, former Executive Officer and now retired, Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village), Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District was placed under suspension on dt.17.03.1997 pending framing of the charges against him as he has committed certain irregularities in the administration of temple. Subsequently as many as 08 charges were framed against him:-

- 1) That he has not submitted the income returns of the institution under his charge for the year 1995-96 to enable the higher authorities for levy of contribution and audit fees and thus he failed to discharge of his legitimate duties.
- 2) That he has not submitted the budget estimates of the institutions under his charge for the year 1996-97 though nine months lapsed in the financial year and incurred expenditure unauthorisedly without getting sanction of budget estimates from the competent authority and this he violated the statutory provisions as laid down under Section 57 of the Act 30/87.
- 3) That he attended the temples under his charge at B.Kondepadu one day only in the 2nd week of October, 1996 in connection with 'Devi Navarathrulu' Festival and left the village on the very next day and did not attend to the temples again upto 28.12.1996 and left the day-today administration of the temples to their fate which shows of his negligence in discharging of his duties as Executive Officer.
- 4) That he failed to restore Electricity power supply to Sri Visveswara Swamy Temple and Sri Kana Durga Ammavari Temple at B.Kondepadu which was lost in the cyclone on 06.11.1996 till the date of visiting of the temple by the Inspector, Endowments Department, Tadepalligudem i.e. on 28.12.1996 and kept the temples in darkness without any lighting.

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- 5) That he failed to attend for the Inspection of paddy crops available in the temples lands along with the Court Commissioner who was appointed by the Principal District Magistrate Court, Tanuku in connection with the remission petitions filed by the tenants of the lands of the temples at B.Kondepadu.
 - 6) That he has taken away the account books and records of the temples at B.Kondepadu for the year 1995-96 and 1996-97 along with him instead of keeping them in the temples Office.
 - 7) That he failed to reside at his Head Quarters i.e. at B.Kondepadu and was attending to the temples once in two or three months and failed to collect the makthas from the tenants promptly and also failed to give paditaram provisions to the Archakas regularly and caused much inconvenience to the Archakas in offering Dhoopa, Deepa, Naivedyams to the Deities.
 - 8) That he failed to get the permission from the competent authority for withdrawal of amounts from the Bank and incurred the income of the temples to the expenditure directly without depositing them in the Bank initially and thus he violated the provisions as laid down under Section 29 of the Act 30/87.
2. The Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Eluru who was appointed as Enquiry Officer has submitted enquiry report dt.06.12.2010. As per the enquiry report except charge No.3 & 4, the remaining 6 charges were held proved. A copy of the Enquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officer to submit his explanation on the proved charges vide his office Rc. dt.06.01.2011. The Charged Officer has submitted his further explanation dt.31.01.2011. Since the charged officer retired from service on 31.01.2008, the Commissioner, Endowments Department referred the case to Government to take disciplinary action under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against the Charged Officer.
3. In Government Memo 2nd read above, a show-cause notice was issued under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised pension Rules, 1980 to Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired), Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village), Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District to explain as to why a cut of 02% (two percent) in pension for a period of 03 years should not be imposed on him for the charges held proved.
4. In reply, the charged Officer has submitted his further explanation in his letter 3rd read above, Government have examined the same and found that the explanation is not convincing with reference to facts of the case and therefore, decided to impose a penalty of 02% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of 03 (three) years against Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired), Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village), Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District.
5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government have referred the matter to Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission for concurrence as required under Rule 9 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. In the letter 7th read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has given its concurrence to the proposal of the Government to impose the punishment of 02% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of 03 (three) years against Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired), Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village), Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District.

6. Accordingly, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 hereby impose the punishment of 02% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of 03 (three) years against Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired), Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village), Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District. A copy of the advice of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission communicated in the reference 7th read above is herewith enclosed.

7. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHITRA RAMCHANDRAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.Pothu Raju, Executive Officer (Retired),
Group Temples, B.Kondepadu (Village),
Pentapadu (Mandal), West Godavari District
through, the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Hyderabad. (**w.e**)
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Hyderabad for information.
The O.S.D to Minister (Endowments).
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Endowments.
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